

## **DMC Committee Meeting Minutes**

### **March 15, 2005**

#### **I. Minority Outreach Diversion (MOD)**

- Cedar's operates a Minority Outreach Program where they contact youth and their parents if they do not respond to the letter giving them the option to do Diversion. Many of the youth that fail to respond to the initial letter are minorities.
- MOD is doing a lot of intervention in order to get youth enrolled.
- A high percentage of youth are enrolled in Diversion after it is explained to parents.
- Paying the fee is a big reason why youth and their families do not respond to the initial letter. They are looking for funding to help families cover the costs of Diversion.
- Poverty and family size influence whether or not parents enroll their child in Diversion.
- Adding a sentence regarding the payment plans and sliding scale in the Diversion letter that goes to parents was discussed.

#### **II. African American Male Empowerment Training - June 16<sup>th</sup> - June 19<sup>th</sup>.**

- The purpose is to train African American and Hispanic leaders in the Empowerment curriculum. These leaders would then go out into the community and teach the empowerment curriculum to African American male youth either in schools, in churches or in community centers.
- Seeking 15 males. Stipend of \$500.

#### **III. Public Education**

- The committee is trying to get the brochure, "A Guide to Juvenile Court for Parents & Children" to every entity possible.
- There was much discussion centering on adding a phone number to this brochure. The group also discussed developing a list of names and contact numbers to refer parents to, the need for a centralized phone number and person/Agency, Juvenile Court Judges want to approve the brochure, before agreeing to have it sent out with court papers, doing a pilot project with a CJ intern at the Assessment Center, providing the centralized phone number on the brochure.
- Corey Steel volunteered to pilot the project for a month and track the types of calls.

#### **IV. Other information**

- Try Another Way has a new training coming up April 22, 2005. Contact Melissa Beecher for more information.
- The next DMC meeting will be Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m.